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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The Examiner issued an Office Action dated 10 September 2008 in the above-referenced Patent Application. In that Office Action, the Examiner set a 3-month shortened statutory period for reply. The reply period having now expired, a Request and fee for a two month Extension of Time are concurrently filed herewith to ensure timely filing. Responsive to that outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 13 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include a replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

An Appendix including a replacement Drawing of Fig. 1, a clean copy of the amended Specification, and a clean copy of the amended Abstract is included following page 24 of this paper.